

how small the quantity. An inventory of narcotic drugs must be made for each place of registration, and the records under such registration must be kept separate and distinct from any record at another office. All narcotic drugs in the possession of a physician, including those contained in a pocket case, must be inventoried at the time of applying for registration. The records should show from which stock of drugs pocket case is replenished in order to account for their disposition when the records at any office are checked up by an inspecting officer.

Separate registration should be applied for in case a stock of narcotic drugs in any considerable quantity is kept at a summer camp. When only a small supply of narcotics is carried in a medicine case to a summer camp for emergency purposes it would not be necessary to register again, but the record at the home office should show amount and kind of drugs removed for that purpose and their disposition.

Attention is called to the editorial in this number on the "Danger of Botulism." Physicians knowing of cases are requested to communicate without delay with Dr. E. C. Dickson, Stanford University Medical School, San Francisco, Cal.

Dr. Thos. W. Huntington of San Francisco has received an appointment which reflects honor on the medical profession of California, in his election to the presidency of the American Surgical Association, which meets in June, 1918, in Cincinnati. Dr. Huntington is a member of the General Medical Committee of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense, and has recently been appointed one of a mission to Italy to investigate conditions relative to American Red Cross assistance in that country.

The result of the investigation made by the State Secretary, relative to "Officers' Reserve Corps and Pensions," is in substance, as follows:

"Under the law, officers of the Reserve, if incapacitated, are entitled to a pension, and, if killed in action, their heirs are entitled to six months' pay of the grade held at the time of death. In addition, the family is entitled to pension."

This was obtained through correspondence with the Secretary of War, the Council of National Defense, the Surgeon-General of the U. S. Army, the Secretary and Chairman of the Senate, our two California Senators and eleven Congressmen, as given in the July issue of the Journal.

The question was recently raised as to what stand the Insurance Companies had taken on the matter of the Medical Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps and Military Service in the present war, and the effect on insurance rates.

We understand that at a recent conference between the Commissioners of Insurance and representatives of life insurance companies it was recommended that a war clause be adopted by the companies. This war clause states that a sum of not less than \$37.50 annually per \$1000 of insurance be added to the premium where a war hazard exists or is contemplated. This applied to **applications** on members of the National Guard, Militia or Naval Reserve, Officers' Training Camps, Physicians, members of the Red Cross or Ambulance Corps and men contemplating service in any of these or similar branches at the time the application is written. These applications will be entertained for amounts up to \$5000. This recommendation has been adopted by most life insurance companies, and the war clause is embodied in policies issued. It is supposed that this amount will be adequate to cover the extra hazard imposed, but as it is obvious that no one can foresee the result of the mortality of the war, it may be considered

necessary at some future time to increase this extra premium.

In some companies a provision is made for pro rata refund to insured, after the termination of the war, of any excessive amount that has been collected in the way of extra premiums, such amounts to be determined upon investigation of the mortality resulting from the war.

It would appear that most companies charge no extra premium on policies issued prior to April 8, 1917, where such policies contained no restriction as to military or naval service.

There have been no deaths from typhoid fever during the first five months of the year in thirty-two counties of California, according to the California State Board of Health. These honor counties are: Alpine, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Glenn, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Trinity, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo and Yuba. The seventy-four deaths reported during the same period occurred in the remaining twenty-six counties. One-third of these deaths were in the large cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles, where about one-third of the population of the State is centered. In spite of the good records made by these thirty-two counties, typhoid is about as prevalent this year as it was last year during the same period. If California is to maintain her good record in typhoid control, every county in the state must be active in the control of the disease within the county. The State Board of Health through its Bureau of Sanitary Engineering will aid any community in improving water supplies and sewage disposal. The Bureau of Communicable Diseases will investigate extensive typhoid outbreaks and will supply physicians with anti-typhoid vaccine, free of cost. With the facilities for control that are now available, it is inexcusable for any county to have a high typhoid rate.

County Society News

BUTTE COUNTY.

Dr. Edward E. Baumeister has been appointed Associate Editor of the Journal.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

During the early part of August a new branch laboratory for the State Board of Health will be established, to be located in the Union League Building, Second and Hill streets. The corps that will be located here will include a state bacteriologist, an assistant sanitary engineer and a district physician.

Under new regulations, the state will be divided into six districts, and a district physician placed in charge of each. The district whose headquarters will be located here will include the counties of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Orange and San Diego. The other counties of Southern California will constitute another one of these six districts.

MENDOCINO COUNTY.

At the meeting of the Mendocino Medical Society on June 9th, Dr. Oswald H. Beckman was elected corresponding editor from the county for the California State Journal of Medicine.

Dr. H. H. Wolfe of Albion has been accepted

for the Army Reserve with rank of First Lieutenant, and he may be called at any moment.

Dr. R. H. Hunt of Bartlett Springs has received word from Washington that he has been accepted in the Naval Reserve force as Assistant Surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

The San Diego County Medical Society continued its regular meetings through July, the first, on July 10th, being given up chiefly to discussion of measures to conserve the practices and protect the families of the members called to the service of their country. The second meeting, on July 24th, was a clinical night held at the County Hospital, where Drs. Churchill, Doig, Little and Jennison presented interesting clinical cases. In August is scheduled a social evening and a joint paper by Drs. Jas. Jackson and R. J. Pickard on the treatment of eczema with autogenous colon bacillus vaccine.

Dr. H. C. Loos who recently left practice to accept a captain's commission in the army is now Major Loos, stationed at Douglas, Ariz.

The Medical Library has recently moved into its new quarters on the twelfth floor of the American Building, where quietude, cool air and fine north light combine to attract the student.

The San Diego Diagnostic Group Clinic continues to hold the interest and enthusiasm of its large staff of specialists and has little difficulty in securing problem cases for diagnosis up to its capacity.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Dr. Russell C. Ryan of the Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco, has been commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy, and has been appointed Assistant Surgeon at the Naval Training Camp at San Pedro.

SAN MATEO COUNTY.

Dr. F. S. Dollev announces that building will start on a new \$40,000 South San Francisco Hospital September 1st. The hospital company will be incorporated. Plans have been perfected.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.

The doctors in the Santa Barbara County Medical Association have agreed to return to the families and dependents of the doctors of the Association who enter military service one-half of the fees from patients which these enlisted doctors leave in the charge of the doctors remaining at home. A formal resolution to this effect was passed by the County Medical Association at a special meeting.

The speakers at the meeting estimated that in the war now on the United States will need 40,000 doctors. Southern California quota of this number is about 600, or one out of every five doctors in the southern part of the state. Ventura County has about thirty doctors, counting active and retired members of the profession.

VENTURA COUNTY.

Dr. C. A. Jenson was made corresponding editor to the editorial staff of the California State Journal of Medicine.

Dr. Will I. Lewis has received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve, has been called to the colors, and is at present taking training at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Dr. Benjamin E. Merrill has received his commission as Second Lieutenant and is waiting orders from the Government to go into training camp.

YOLO COUNTY.

Dr. Fred R. Fairchild, of Woodland, has received a commission as captain in the United States Medical Corps and is slated for immediate service, whether in the war zone or in the United States is not yet known.

Military News

Dr. Joseph Catton and Dr. Chas. Levison have organized an army base hospital unit from the staff of the San Francisco Hospital. The organization has been facilitated by the active co-operation of Mayor James Rolph, the San Francisco Board of Health, Col. Edie, Department Surgeon Western Department U. S. A.; Marshall Hale, president of the San Francisco Chapter of the Red Cross; A. B. C. Dohrman, in charge of the Red Cross Supplies on the Pacific Coast; Major Thos. Huntington and Dr. Emmett Rixford, National Committeeman of Red Cross in charge of medical affairs on the Pacific Coast. The personnel includes 22 doctors, 3 dentists, 65 nurses, 10 civilian employees and 153 enlisted men. The professional personnel is made up largely of men who are or have been associated with the various services at the San Francisco Hospital. The enlisted men have come from the two State universities and business houses about the bay.

The nursing staff must be made up of graduate registered Red Cross nurses, and, while there have been numerous applications, the enrollment has been proceeding slowly because of these requirements. Miss Elizabeth Jamieson, Chief Nurse of the unit, can be reached at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, by nurses wishing to enroll.

The War Service Committee of the Medical Women's National Association has organized the American Women's Hospitals for work at home and abroad. The Surgeon-General of the Army and the General Director of the Department of Military Relief of the American Red Cross have approved the provision made for service to the army and to the civil population. The work will be officially part of the medical and surgical service of the American Red Cross.

The scope of the plan is broad, including units for maternity service and village practice in the devastated parts of the Allies' countries and hospitals run by women for service there as well as for the United States army in Europe. In this country acute and convalescent cases will be treated in hospitals equipped for the purpose; soldiers' dependents will be cared for; interned alien enemies will be given medical aid and substitutes will be provided to look after the hospital service and the private practice of physicians who have gone to the front. The first units hope to go to France and to Serbia in the early fall. Headquarters have been established at 637 Madison avenue, New York City. Dr. Rosalie Slaughter Morton is chairman of the War Service Committee.

Secretary Daniels has recommended to the President for appointment as Assistant Surgeons of the Navy, two hundred and seventy members of the Medical Reserve who have passed their examinations and qualified for appointment.

Of this number eighteen are from California, as follows:

Chas. A. Ainslie, San Francisco-Danville; William W. Behlow, San Francisco; Claude E. Brown, Sacramento; Joseph I. Callanan, San Francisco;